

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 7, 9 and 10 are rejected; and claims 4-6 and 8 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1-3 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0230674 to Takahashi et al.

In response, Applicant submits herewith the verified English translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-074904 filed March 19, 2003, to thereby perfect the claim to foreign priority and antedate Takahashi et al. having an effective U.S. filing date of November 20, 2003. The present claims find full written description support at pages 1-2 of the verified English translation. Consequently, Takahashi et al. is not available as prior art under any subsection of §102, and withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0117675 to Mascarenhas.

In response, Applicant has perfected the claim to priority to thereby antedate Takahashi et al. Because the primary reference is no longer available as prior art, the rejection is moot and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the Election of Species Requirement with respect to claims 4-6 and 8 upon allowance of generic claim 1 from which the withdrawn claims depend.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 1-10 is earnestly solicited.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Application No. 10/804,216

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In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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